

No. 6360 號十六百三千六第 日八十月三年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 1878. 六拜禮 號十二月四英 港香 [PRICE 52¢ PER MONTH.]

INTIMATIONS.

LUSITANO. THEAT
AN AMATEUR PERFORMANCE will
 given in this theatre, in aid of the **THE**
THE CITY HALL, on
WEDNESDAY, April 24th, at NINE P
 The one not comedy.
 & **CUP OF TEA.**
 Followed by Sullivan's Overture
"TRILL BY JURY"
 Admission by ticket only, which, price \$
 DOLLARS, can be obtained from Messrs L
 CRAWFORD & Co, on and after THURSDAY
W. WHEELER.
 Hon. Secretary Hongkong Choral Soci
Hongkong, 16th April, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI
THE Steamship
YANGTSE.
 E. Schultze, Master, will be dispatched for
 above Port TO-DAY, the 20th instant, at 4
 For Freight or Passage, apply to the
W. G. THURSEN &
Hongkong, 19th April, 1878.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETI
OF THE SEAT-HOLDERS, of St. Jo
CATHEDRAL Church will be held at the Y
on THURSDAY, the 25th day of April in
 at 4.30 P.M., for the purpose of electing
 Trustees for the ensuing year, and for pa
 the Accounts of the Treasurer, under the
 visions of Canons 4 and 16 of Ordinance
 of 1847.
 Applications for Sitings may be made to
 Undersecretaries.
EDMUND SHARP,
 Trustee and Treasurer to the body of Tru

Hongkong, 20th April, 1873. [1]

FOR SALE.

A STEAM LAUNCH, 88 feet long,
and 8 inches beam. Very fast, with
consumption. Address K.Z., care of Daily
Observer.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1873.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to
his Friends that he is about to visit San
Francisco, and will be absent from Hongkong
from April 1st to June 15th.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1875.

PIANO-FORTE TUNING.

M^r. A. HAHN begs to announce to
his Patrons that he has changed his busi-
ness from Praya Street to No. 19, HOLLY
ROAD, where Orders may be left, or at Mr
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1875. [1]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTICAL CASES.
EX-O-S-S-CO'S-Store-DROMED-
FROM LIVERPOOL
CHIPPENDALE

THE UNDERSIGNED not later than the 1st inst for shipment per Steamer "SARPEE" BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents Hongkong, 17th April, 1878.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Steamer "DIOMED" are hereby notified that the cargo is being discharged into Craft, "14" at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in the event it will be at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft on Good Friday after the 18th instant. Goods undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents Hongkong, 17th April, 1878.

STEAMSHIP "ESMERALDA" FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Steamer are hereby notified that the Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & HONGKONG, 17th April, 1878.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Company's Steamer "ALBATROSS" are hereby notified that the cargo is being discharged into Craft, "14" at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in the event it will be at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft on Good Friday after the 18th instant. Goods undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents Hongkong, 17th April, 1878.

that their Goods are being landed and stored
the Company's Godown at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co
Agents.
Hongkong, April 17th, 1878.

**"STEAMSHIP "IRAGUADDY" FOR
COMPANIE DES SAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

NOTICE.

**CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"INDUS"**
from London, in connection with the
Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and stored at their risk
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may
be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on a
subsidized rate, provided the Consignee
pays TO-DAY, the 17th inst., at Noon, request
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY,
the 23rd instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUET,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
BRITISH PARK "ELIZABETH OST"
FROM ANTWERP.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bill of Lading and Unloading Receipts, and to take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.
MAYHE & CO.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 16th April, 1873. [1]
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP "MACTAN" FROM
MANILA.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby notified that their Goods are Unloading landed and stored at Godvorna of the Undermanned at their risk and expense.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & CO.
 Hongkong 18th April, 1873.
STEAMSHIP "VIXING" FROM
LONDON, VIA SINGAPORE.
THIS Steamer having arrived, **CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by her are hereby notified

that their Goods are being landed and a
at their risk in the Godowns of the U
signed, whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignment of Goods to the above delivery
Boards are at liberty to do so.
No Re Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shan
unless notice to the contrary be received
Consignees before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.
Cargo remaining in Godown after the
limit will be sold for cash.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GLEBE LIVINGSTON & CO
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1878

NOTICE.

THE Underwriter, having become LESSEE of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS," and the business connected therewith, will conduct the same on his own account from this date.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.
Daily Press Office, 202, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

NOTICE.

S. WATSON AND CO.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS
FARMACIA,
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS' DISPENSERS,
AND
ASBATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHSTS REFITTED,
PASSENGERS CHSTS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., 47

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

DEATH.
On the 14th inst. at Maitland, Woodford, Essex, the wife of the late Captain M. T. Yonge, daughter of the late Captain M. T. Yonge, 68 years.

At Shanghai, on the 14th inst., JOSEPHUS ANTONIO KATZ, aged 58 years.

At Hongkong, on the 14th inst., of dysentery, Captain W. O. SHANNON, late of the U.S.S. "Albatross," and a Native of Charleston, Mass., U.S.A., aged 48 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 20TH, 1878.

We would commend the following circumstance to the notice of the Anglo-American Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade.

In their trade circular, dated the 2nd inst., Messrs. Bran Brothers, of Newchwang, state that the Treaty of that port has recently made a voyage to the provincial capital (Moukden) to ascertain the extent of the poppy growth, and that he is really alarmed at the loss of revenue consequent on the decrease in the "Indian imports."

A petition is, therefore, to be addressed to the Emperor praying that the cultivation of the drug in that province may be stopped. It is, of course, notorious that the tax on the native is very much lower than that on foreign opium, and as the consumption of the home grown drug has largely increased, the revenue from opium has sensibly lessened.

What the Government of Peking will say to this memorial, if presented, it is difficult to predict. To be consistent, it ought to order that forthwith all cultivation of the poppy in Manchuria shall cease, but Messrs. Bran suggests that the difficulty will not be met by the tax on the native opium being raised. After the edict lately issued on the subject, however, the Government surely could not so stultify itself. But there is no saying what the measure of Chinese inconsistency. The Chinese officials would not know where to seek the equivalent of the revenue derived from opium, and they will be slow to do anything that will either damage the sale of the foreign drug or tend to stop the native production. Their interests all lie in the preservation of this remunerative trade, and they are not likely, in spite of all the memorials and edicts on the question, to lend their influence to suppress the practice of smoking. It would be as well for the anti-opium agitators in Great Britain to understand at once that the people and officials of China are not, as a whole, anxious to abolish the opium trade. Neither can they be persuaded that the habit of opium smoking is anything like so pernicious as the philanthropists at home, who have had no experience of it, would have their Celestial brother believe. As a matter of fact the people will not give up the practice, and the Authorities cannot afford to prohibit the import of the drug, even if they had the will. Past experience has convinced the mandarins that the suppression of opium smoking would be an exceedingly difficult matter, involving a great deal of labour and trouble, and there is no doubt that they really prefer pocketing the handsome revenue derivable from the sale of the drug to putting themselves to the trouble of trying to check it. It is useless contending for an idea, and it would be far better for the Society to relinquish its mission before throwing away more money on a hopeless cause.

Tax London and China Express of the 8th ultimo throws out a suggestion which is well worthy of consideration by the Foreign Office. It draws attention to the fact that now Kashiur has practically been re-conquered by the Chinese there is some danger of the trade between British India and Kashiur being interfered with, and points out the need for a British Consul at Yarkand or Kashiur city to protect this trade. The late Ameer, Yacoob Bex, did all he could to encourage commerce with India, and it was chiefly increasing up to the time of that chieftain's death. Whether the Chinese will not consider it advisable to close the country to foreign trade is doubtful; they will probably prefer to reserve the Kashiur market for Chinese produce. The Chinese Convention, which still awaits ratification, might be so amended as to admit of the introduction of a clause providing for the recognition of the trading privileges conceded to British traders in India by Yacoob Bex, and for the appointment of a British Consul at Kashiur. Such an appointment would be useful in a political sense, as the Consul might employ himself in keeping a watch on the movements of Russia in Central Asia, and perhaps be able to impose some check on Russian intrigues. The appointment would on all accounts be a most judicious one, and we trust that instructions will be given to Sir Thomas Wade to have it carried into effect. The Government of Peking, though not likely to approve of the appointment, will not, however, have any strong objection to it.

THE HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The British bark *Perthshire*, Captain Hamilton, left Newchwang for Hongkong on the 26th inst.

Yesterday being Good Friday, the Spanish steamer *Marion* sailed for Hongkong, and left at half-past four.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FOREST BELLE AFFAIR.
By the instruction of the Daily Press, I have been enabled to obtain the following particulars of the Forest Belle affair, which has been so widely discussed in the press.

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POLICE COURT.

18th April.
Before the Hon. Charles May.

LADIES.
Li Ahng was charged by Detective Ahn, with stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of a Chinese merchant, and was found guilty. She was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

WOMEN.
Wong Ahng was charged by Detective Ahn, with stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of a Chinese merchant, and was found guilty. She was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

CHILDREN.
Li Ahng was charged by Detective Ahn, with stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of a Chinese merchant, and was found guilty. She was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

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